

**THRAUPIDAE (AVES)—AUTHOR AND DATE: PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF OPINION 852. Z.N.(S.) 1976**

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The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature has placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology the family group name THRAUPIDAE<sup>1</sup> Wetmore & Miller, 1926 (type-genus *Thraupis* Boie, 1826) with the Name Number 428 (*Bull. Zool. Nomencl.*, 25 (2/3) : 74, 1968 September, Opinion 852). As original reference for this name was indicated—*Auk* 43 : 346.

2. That the name THRAUPIDAE in the work of Wetmore & Miller “The revised classification for the fourth edition of the A.O.U. check-list”, printed in 1926, *The Auk* 43 : 337–346, is destined for the family of tanagers is to be seen only from the English name—Tanagers—mentioned next to it. In the short preface no word is said at all about this family. In the systematic list, by THRAUPIDAE only the subfamily name THRAUPINAE is mentioned without further detailing of genera.

3. Family-group names based on the generic name *Thraupis* Boie, 1826, however, were used in the ornithological papers considerably earlier than this publication.

—Cabanis, 1847 (*Archiv für Naturgeschichte* 1 : 316) in “Ornithologische Notizen” first created the subfamily-name THRAUPINAE; next to it he placed in parentheses the name TANAGRINAE with an exclamation mark. The generic name *Thraupis* Boie, 1826, is mentioned in parentheses next to the name *Tanagra* Linn. About this name, also accompanied with an exclamation mark, Cabanis remarks: “By the creation of the name *Tanagra* Linné himself has infringed the law for nomenclature created by him.”

Cabanis repeated the subfamily-name THRAUPINAE in 1850, *Museum Ornithologicum Heineanum* (1) : 21.

—Carus in 1868–75 *Handbuch der Zoologie* 1 : 276 mentioned in parentheses next to TANGARIDAE the names THRAUPINAE and PITYLINAE Cab.

—G. R. Gray in 1870, *Hand-list of genera and species of Birds* (2) : 58 mentioned THRAUPINAE Cabanis 1847 as a synonym of TANAGRINAE Swainson, 1831 (*sic!*).

—A. Reichenow in 1882, *Die Vögel der Zoologischen Gärten* (2) : 335 used the subfamily name THRAUPINAE. Among five genera is mentioned *Thraupis* but not *Tanagra*.

Thus, the name THRAUPIDAE Wetmore & Miller, 1926 is only following previous usage.

4. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature has placed the family-group name TANAGRIDAE Bonaparte, 1838 on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 435. E. Mayr was mistaken, however, in the supposition that the family-group name TANAGRIDAE was first published by C. L. Bonaparte in *Geographical and Comparative List of Birds of Europe and North America* in 1838. This

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<sup>1</sup> See also the application from Dr. Steyskal, p. 27

family-group name was repeatedly used in ornithological papers earlier than this publication.

—Vigors in “On arrangement of the Genera of Birds” (1825, October, *Zool. Journ.* 2 (7) : 398) included in family FRINGILLIDAE, as first the subfamily, TANAGRINA (with a question mark).

—Swainson, 1827 repeated this name (*Zool. Journ.* 3 (11) : 345).

—F. Boie in “General Uebersicht der Ornithologischen Ordnungen, Familien und Gattungen”, printed in the same *Isis* (von Oken), 1826, 10 : 973 where he mentioned his generic name *Thraupis*, used under No. 12 the family-group name TANGARIDAE.

—Lesson in 1828, *Manuel d'ornithologie* 1 : 152 names the second family of second order “Les Tanagrées ou Tangaras”.

—Lesson, three years later, in 1831 *Traité d'ornithologie* : 458 used the name “Les Tangaras Cuv.”.

—M. Wied in 1830 *Beiträge zur Naturgeschichte von Brasilien* 3 (1) : 438, following Boie, utilized for the seventh family the name TANGARIDAE.

—C. L. Bonaparte in 1831, *Saggio di una distribuzione metodica degli animali vertebrata* : 51 used for a subfamily the name TANAGRINAE.

—W. Swainson, 1837 repeated this name in the work *On the Natural History and Classification of Birds* 2 : 281.

—G. R. Gray in 1870 *Hand-list of genera and species of Birds* (2) : 58 included subfamily TANAGRINAE Swainson, 1831 (sic!) in TANAGRIDAE Boie, 1826 (sic!) with synonyms—TANAGRINA Vigors, 1825 and THRAUPINAE Cabanis, 1847.

5. In view of the facts set out above and in accordance with Article 36 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is asked:

(1) to place on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology THRAUPIDAE (ex THRAUPINAE) Cabanis, 1847 (type genus *Thraupis* Boie, 1826);

(2) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family Group Names in Zoology:

(a) as not based on a nominal genus included in the family:

(i) TANGARIDAE Boie, 1826,

(ii) TANGARAS Lesson, 1828,

(iii) TANGARAS “Cuv.” Lesson, 1831;

(b) as based on generic name *Tanagra* Linnaeus, 1764, suppressed under the plenary powers in “Opinion 852”:

(i) TANAGRINA Vigors, 1825, October,

(ii) TANAGREES Lesson, 1828,

(iii) TANAGRINAE Bonaparte, 1831.

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